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From: noreply@vermont.gov <noreply@vermont.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 2:46 PM

To: Scherr, David <David.Scherr@vermont.gov>; Lashua, Kimberley <Kimberley.Lashua@vermont.gov>;

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Subject: Webform submission from: Public Records Request Form

Name

Galen Dively

Please describe the records you are requesting and provide as much specificity as possible, including applicable date ranges.

- 1) How many Social Equity applicants have applied under the "Be able to demonstrate that they are from a community that historically has been disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition and that they have been personally harmed by that impact" provisions in your guidance?
- 2) How many have been approved under this same provision?

Thank you

Date Submitted

Tue, 09/06/2022 - 00:00

On 2022-09-12 17:43, Scherr, David wrote:

Hello Mr. Dively,

Five applicants have sought social equity status under the criteria you referred to in your public records request, the historically marginalized community provision codified at Board Rule 1.1.3(q)(ii). No applicants have been approved for social equity status under that provision.

Nothing in this letter should be construed as a waiver of any privileges or protections over the records of the Cannabis Control Board. If you believe any records have been withheld in error, you may appeal this determination to the Chair of the Board pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 318. Please submit appeals to me, the Cannabis Control Board's Public Records Officer, at david.scherr@vermont.gov.

Respectfully,

David Scherr

General Counsel, Vermont Cannabis Control Board





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Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 12:56 PM **To:** Scherr, David < <u>David.Scherr@vermont.gov</u>>

Subject: Re: Public Records Response

Thank you, David, for your quick response. You might be aware I am one of those and I am appealing this decision. My surprise is how little have sought it. This has me wanting to know, and I apologize for not having these questions in my first contact, a couple other things:

What are the number of applicants under each of the other criteria? and how many under each have been approved?

Attached is a press release I am an releasing.

Thank you for your time.

Galen P. Dively

Everybody's Pot Farm

From: Scherr, David < <u>David.Scherr@vermont.gov</u>>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 4:12 PM

Subject: Re: Public Records Response

Hello Mr. Dively,

We are working on a response to the request for records you make in your email below. Our time to respond to your request for records will be extended, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 318(b)(5), because we need to search for and compile relevant records. We will provide a response by September 28.

Respectfully,

David





From: Scherr, David < David. Scherr@vermont.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 3:44 PM

Subject: RE: Public Records Response

Hello Mr. Dively,

Setting aside the 5 requests for social equity status that were pursued under the historically marginalized community provision, under the other two social equity status provisions 34 requests have been granted and 9 denied.

If you include the historically marginalized community provision, a total of 34 social equity statuses have been granted and 14 denied.

Respectfully,

David

